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Dear Pete:

Per Mr. Boland's request, we would like a written comment from the Agency on the charges made in the attachment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Latimer
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Attachment

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Honorable Edward P. Boland
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence
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Dear Chairman Boland,

I am enclosing a copy of the nationally syndicated newspaper column of respected journalist, Paul Scott, which was sent on September 13 to prominent newspapers throughout the country.

This column makes the most serious charge that covert assistance from elements of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has been given to the Communist insurgency of the Sandanista Liberation Front, which is leading efforts to overthrow the duly constituted government of Nicaragua.

In addition to this alleged covert assistance to the Communist revolutionaries by elements of our Government, U.S. Ambassador, Gale McGee, yesterday made the shocking statement that "generosity and sympathetic understanding" would be required from the U.S. and other OAS members when "the peaceful democratic solution" becomes a reality in Nicaragua.

Implicit in the ambassador's statement is an acceptance of the Marxist line that the Sandanista guerrillas are a part of the "democratic solution," which is an outrage coming from a member of our own Government's diplomatic corps.

Also implicit in the ambassador's statement was a veiled bribe to the supporters and those who are not yet supporting the Sandanista insurgency that the United States stands ready to generously shell out foreign aid to help rebuild Nicaragua, once the Communist-led overthrow of the Nicaraguan government has taken place and the revolutionaries have wrecked the country.

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I respectfully request and urge in the strongest possible terms your Committee's investigation of allegations of U.S. behind-the-scenes assistance and dealings with the Sandanista Revolutionaries in Nicaragua. I am sure you share my belief that Congress cannot stand by without investigating in official hearings the alleged role of U.S. Government Officials in Marxist efforts to overthrow the Government of an anti-Communist U.S. ally.

Sincerely,


Eldon Rudd
Member of Congress

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cc: Honorable Bob Wilson
Ranking Minority Member

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